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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FUTURE OF MILITARY GROUPS

REF: STATE 292128, LIMA 9213, LIMA 10856

1. IT REMAINS MY JUDGEMENT THAT OUR LING-SINCE REDUCED SEVEN-MAN MAAG STRUCTURE, AUGMENTED BY TDY TEAMS AS NEEDED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW WEAPONS OR OTHER TRAINING REQUIREMENTS, BEST MEETS U.S. INTERESTS HERE. I FURTHER BELIEVE THAT, AS WE SEEK TO WORK WITH PRIME MINISTER/MINISTER OF WAR ARBULU AND THE SERVICE CHIEFS OF STAFF TO MINIMIZE THE INCREASE OF SOVIET INFLUENCE RESULTING FROM CERTAIN MAJOR ARMS SALES (LIMA 10856), WE SHOULD AVOID UNNECESSARY CHANGES IN NOMENCLATURE AND SERVICE REPRESENTATION. I THEREFORE RECOMMEND RETENTION OF THE MIL GROUP CONCEPT IN PERU (KNOWN HERE IN SPANISH AS THE GRUPO CONSULTIVO).

2. SPECIFICALLY IN RESPONSE TO REFTTEL, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO REDUCT U.S. MILITARY STAFFING OF THE MIL GROUP FROM SEVEN MEMBERS TO SIX. ONE OF THE FOUR NCO POSITIONS COULD BE ELIMINATED. IN THIS CASE, EITHER A U.S. CIVILIAN WOULD HAVE TO REPLACE THE
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NCO REMOVED, OR THE MAAG WOULD HAVE TO ELIMINATE OR TRANSFER

SOME ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS. IN THE LATTER CASE, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE NECESSARY FOR THE EMBASSY, ITSELF, TO AUGMENT ITS OWN ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL TO PROVIDE INCREASED MAAG-RELATED SERVICES.

3. I BELIEVE THE PRESENT MAAG IS "LEAN" AND IS CARRYING OUT NECESSARY FUNCTIONS WELL. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT WE RETAIN THE PRESENT STRUCTURE AND MANNING.
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